

That a great many then, as now, joined in it with glad hearts. V. 13.

That the revival shewed itself in breaking down and destroying idols and their altars.

That the revival brought with it peace, and gladness, and prosperity.

I HAVE LEARNED FROM LESSON VII

That God's eye is upon the enemies of His cause. V. 20.

That while good people may be anxious as they see sin prevailing, God is not anxious. V. 21.

That those who love and practise sin, and are bold against God, can only go so far as He permits. V. 23.

That great armies are not necessary for God to do His work. That he can lay low the mightiest by His word. V. 35.

That it is better and safer to be a friend of God than to have all the power and might of the world on our side.

That idolatry and crime go hand in hand. V. 37.

I HAVE LEARNED FROM LESSON VIII.

That the son of a good father and mother may go astray, though he should not. Manasseh did so.

That men sometimes will not hearken even to God. V. 10.

That when men will not listen to his pleadings, God sometimes sends trouble upon them to call them to himself. V. 11.

That trouble brings men to themselves when nothing else will, and that often it is the greatest kindness God can do. V. 12.

That God is very merciful, and when men turn to him in their trouble he will hear and help them. V. 13.

That when men are truly humbled under trouble, it will show itself in a changed life after the trouble is removed. V. 15.

That a life turned from sin to God will show itself in care for God's house and worship. V. 16.

That such a life will also show itself in doing faithfully one's duty in daily life. V. 14, 16.

That even though one may repent of the sins of earlier life and turn from them, he cannot undo the evil he has wrought by his sin.

I HAVE LEARNED FROM LESSON IX.

That right living tends to long living. V. 10.

That right living makes safe living. V. 12.

That right living is the only real, true, life. V. 13.

That the only safe way to keep from being ensnared by sin is to keep away from it altogether. V. 14.

That those who sin like to get others into the downward way. V. 16.

That the way of evil is dark, and grows ever darker the longer it is followed, until it becomes hopeless, eternal, night. V. 19.

That the way of goodness grows ever brighter the farther one travels in it, until it is perfect, eternal, joyous day. V. 18.

I HAVE LEARNED FROM LESSON X.

That when idolatry of any kind is indulged in, the Word of God is liable to be laid aside and forgotten.

That God watches over his own Word and in his own good time and way brings it to light. V. 8.

That the reading of the Word, by the blessing of the Holy Spirit, awakens men to a sense of their duty to God. V. 11.

That the sin of a people brings the wrath of God upon their land. V. 17.

That when men are truly sorry for their sin, God is very kind and merciful towards them. V. 19.

That the punishment of a people on account of their sin is sometimes delayed because of the presence of even one person who is penitent. V. 20.

I HAVE LEARNED FROM LESSON XI.

That unless the warnings of God's word cause repentance, they cause hardening. The king in last lesson turned to God; in this one, he cut up the Book. V. 23.

That men either turn from sin and try to get rid of it, or they try to get rid of the Bible.

That many to-day try to get rid of the Bible as did this king, because it condemns their sin.

That those who love any sin and are unwilling to give it up, do not love their Bibles.

That the attempt of evil men to get rid of the Word of God is in vain. V. 28.

That the one who fights against God is but laying up for himself destruction and ruin. V. 29.

That fighting against God's Word because it condemns sin, only brings the heavier penalty. V. 22.

I HAVE LEARNED FROM LESSON XII.

That though God waits long in patience, an end and the doom of sin must come at last.

That as what Zedekiah last saw would haunt his memory, so we are filling our memory chamber with pictures that we will have to look upon forever.

That happy is he who is filling his mind-chambers with pictures pure and good.

That the warnings of prophecies against sin came true in Judah's case, and the same God warns against sin now, and just as surely must these warnings against sin come true.